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NEW HISTORY BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the new history books released by NCERT have not given enough space to the history of South India and do not mention Tamil epics like the Silappadikaram and Manimekalai;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the NCERT has taken any step tocover South India in greater depth than ever before in the new history books for several classes proposed to be released soon; and

(d) if so, steps likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is not true that South India has not been givenenough space in the new History textbook. The only consideration has been to present the history of India in a balanced manner, covering all regions as far as possible.